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DEDICATORY SERVICES.

SABBATH, APRIL 21ST.

Re-Opening of Lecture Rooms, 9 A. M.

Addresses by Visiting Pastors.

Dedication of Auditorium, 10:30 A. M.

ORDER OF SERVICES.

1. Doxology.....Congregation

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. Invocation.....The Pastor

3. Te Deum.....Lloyd, Choir

4. Responsive reading, Psalm 100..

.....Rev. David Van Horn, D. D.

Minister: Make a joyful noise unto the
Lord all ye lands.

Congregation: Serve the Lord with glad-
ness: Come before His presence with sing-
ing.

Minister: Know ye that the Lord He is
God: It is He that hath made us, and not
we ourselves: We are His people and the
sheep of His pasture.

Congregation: Enter into His gates with
thanksgiving, and into His courts with
praise. Be thankful unto Him and bless
his name.

Minister: For the Lord is good, His
mercy is everlasting; and His truth en-
dureth to all generations.

5. Hymn.....214

Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be—
Nearer, my God, to Thee!
Nearer to Thee!
Though, like a wanderer,
The sun gone down;
Darkness be over me,
My rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be—
Nearer, my God, to Thee!
Nearer to Thee!
There let the way appear,
Steps unto heaven;
All that Thou sendest me,
In mercy given;
Angels to beckon me—
Nearer, my God, to Thee!
Nearer to Thee!

6. Reading of Scripture....I Kings, 8:1-30

Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D.

7. Prayer.....Rev. J. P. Lloyd, D. D.

8. Hymn.....565

O, God, who lovest to abide,
In Zion's chosen gate,
More than the thousand tents beside,
Where Israel's faithful wait.
Accept our works, and hear our vows,
Unworthy though we be;
And look in mercy on the house
We dedicate to Thee.
Here answer Thou, as Thou art wont,
Thy people when they pray;
Here in the waters of Thy font
Let sin be washed away.

Bless those, O Lord, and hear their cry,
That raised Thy temple here:
That in Thy house beyond the sky
With joy they may appear.

- 9. Dedicatory Sermon.....
.....Rev. David Van Horn, D. D.
- 10. Bass Solo..... Mr. Frank Stouder
- 11. Addresses.....Rev. C. M. Schaaf
.....Rev. W. A. Hale, D. D.
- 12. Voluntary Offerings and Pledges
Remarks by the Pastor, Rev. A. K.
Zartman, Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D.

13. Dedication..... The Pastor
Dearly beloved in the Lord: in all ages of the Church, God, our heavenly Father has approved the acts of devout and holy men, who have erected sanctuaries to His holy worship. He filled the temple of Solomon with His Glory, and manifested Himself in the second temple still more gloriously. It is meet and right that houses erected for the worship of God should be separated from common use, and be especially set apart and consecrated to his service. Thus Moses consecrated the tabernacle in the wilderness, and Solomon the temple upon Mout Moriah. Animated by the pious examples of those who have gone before us, and sustained by the help of the Lord, we have built this house to the honor of His great name, and are now assembled before Him, that we may, by a solemn act of worship, devote it to its intended use.

Blessed be the Lord our God who has thus enabled us to fulfill the desires of our hearts, in the building of this house, where His praise may be made honorable from generation unto generation. To Him be glory, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Apostle's creed, (congregation standing):

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, He descended into hades; the third day He arose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

"I believe in the Holy Ghost: the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen."

Pastor: In the name of the Lord, and in behalf of this Christian congregation, by whom this house has been erected, we now set it apart from all common and secular use and under the name of The Grace Reformed Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana, do hereby consecrate it to the worship of the Triune God, the Father, the Son, the Holy Ghost.

Let it be henceforth a house of God where His name shall be honored, His gospel preached, and His sacraments dispensed; and where His blessings shall descend from age to age. Amen.

- 14. Dedicatory Prayer.....
.....Rev. W. A. Hale, D. D.
- 15. Hymn..... 277

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.

- 16. Benediction.

SABBATH AFTERNOON SERVICE.

3 o'clock—Fraternal meeting.

- 1. Voluntary.....Choir
- 2. Invocation.
- 3. Music.....Selected
Haydn Quartette
- 4. Scripture Lesson.....Psalm 23
Congregation.
- 5. Prayer.

6. Music, "It is the Lord's Own Day"
.....Male Chorus
Haydn and Linden Quartettes.
7. Address.....Rev. W. A. Hale, D. D.
8. Greetings and Brief Addresses..
..... Pastors of Fort Wayne
9. Music, "Nearer My God to Thee"
.....Arranged by H. Johnson
Linden Quartette.
10. Voluntary Offerings and Pledges.
Hymn.....436

I love Thy kingdom Lord,
The house of Thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.

I love Thy Church, O God!
Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye,
And graven on Thy hand.

Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways:
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.

SABBATH EVENING.

Young People's Meeting, 6:30 o'clock, in
lecture rooms.

Praise service, 7:30 o'clock.

1. Gloria Patri.
2. Invocation.
3. Voluntary.....Choir
4. Scripture Lesson.....Psalm 122
5. Prayer.
6. Selection.....Haydn Quartette
7. Addresses.....Rev. W. A. Hale, D. D.
.....Rev. D. W. Moffat, D. D.
.....Rev. C. M. Schaaf
8. Voluntary Offerings and Pledges.
9. Selection.....Haydn Quartette
10. Doxology.
11. Benediction.

GOSPEL MEETING.

Beginning Monday evening, April 22,
under the leadership of Evangelist W. A.
Bodel.

These meetings will continue for several
weeks. You are invited to them. Pray
for their success.

BRIEF HISTORIC SKETCH.

The Grace Reformed Church was organized May 13, 1883. The lot of 95 feet, on East Washington street, where the Church edifice and parsonage are now located, was purchased June 13, 1883, at a cost of \$4,000. Later 35 feet on the east side of the lot were sold for \$1,500, and repurchased April 1, 1888, for \$1,800. The lecture rooms of the Church were erected in the summer of 1884, at a cost of nearly \$4,000. The parsonage on the east part of the lot was built in the summer of 1889, at a cost of \$2,125. The new Church building was begun April 1, 1894. The corner stone was laid June 3, 1894. The Church when completed and equipped will cost \$15,000. Of this amount about one-half is unprovided for. We are hopeful that a good portion of this amount may be provided for at the dedication, by free-will offerings and pledges. The new Church has been very highly spoken of by the citizens of Fort Wayne as well as visitors from abroad who have seen it. The congregation can congratulate itself upon the progress it has made, and the work which has been done. The Church has a very hopeful future before it, and with persistent and united effort, and confidence in the Lord, it will be able to do efficient work for the Master to whom we ascribe all honor and praise for what has been achieved in the past.

MR. JAMES VINING and daughter, Myrtle, are both improving, and have been able to come to the city.

THE piano in the Church to be used during the dedication is gratuitously furnished by the Baldwin Music Co., and is a piano of their own make. It is a first-class instrument.

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THE NEW CHURCH COMPLETED.

After a year's persistent and patient labor the anticipations of our people are realized. Ground was broken for the new Church the 1st of April, 1894. During this whole year the pastor and people have been at work raising funds and doing what they could toward the completion of the building. Very much has been said in praise of the Church all of which is very gratifying to us indeed. The various committees which have been appointed, and served, deserve much credit for their patient and energetic work. We are also under special obligations to the parties who have been doing work on the building, and assisted in bringing it to its completion. The plans and specifications for the Church were furnished by Mr. Cass Chapman, of Chicago. Our Church makes 191 this gentleman has designed and built. His work on Grace Church is proof of the fact that he is an expert in his profession. William Waldo & Bro. were the contractors, and did very excellent work for us, proving themselves to be men thoroughly reliable and competent. The stained glass was furnished by the Gentzin Stained Glass Co., Anderson, Ind. Their work speaks for itself. It is said by many that Grace Church has the finest glass of any Church in the city. The beautiful fresco work was exe-

cuted by O. J. Kover & Son, of this city. They have given us excellent work and far exceeded their contract. We are no longer surprised that they have such a rush of business all the time. They are perfect gentlemen and masters of their profession. The gas and electric light fixtures were bought from the Seavey Hardware Co., of Fort Wayne, and were manufactured by the Vosburgh Fixture Co., Brooklyn, N. Y. Every person admires our fixtures and the Seavey Hardware Co. were very reasonable in their prices with us. The pews were made by the Fort Wayne Furniture Co. They are well made and are very comfortable, and are a pretty design. The pulpit chairs were bought from the Pape Furniture Co., and are also very handsome. The carpets were furnished by the Foster Furniture Co. They are a very pretty design and look very tasty in the floors. The carpets were made and laid by the Zimmer Carpet Cleaning Co. Their work is a good advertisement for their business. The windows in the Church were all paid for by families and the different societies of the Church. Many of the pews were donated by friends abroad, and in the city, and families of the Church. The pulpit was donated by Mrs. C. Neireiter in memory of Henry Neireter. The large and beautiful pulpit Bible was presented by L. W. Hills in honor of Peter Rijnhart, missionary to Thibet. We are thankful to all these parties and friends for their kindness and liberality. We ask the Lord's blessing upon all who have given us a helping hand in any way, and assisted us in carrying out our work. We shall feel greatly relieved when the Church is completed and dedicated, and we shall pray that the Lord may accept our offering and greatly prosper the Church.

MRS. CONRAD NEIREITER and Mrs. A. C. Katt and children are visiting at Louisville, Ky., with Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Schaaf.

OBITUARY.

Abram Cope died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. David Walters, 146 East Lewis street, January 20th. He was born in West Moreland county, Pa., and was married to Catherine Sowash. In 1845 Mr. Cope removed with his family from the east and located in DeKalb county, Ind., and about nine years ago came to Fort Wayne where he resided until his death. He was consecrated in infancy to the Lord in Holy Baptism, and at an early age was received into membership with the Reformed Church. After coming to this state he united with the Luthern church of which he remained a devoted member until death. His wife and one daughter preceded him to the future world. Four sons and five daughters remain to mourn his departure. The funeral services were held on Thursday; January 24, and the remains were taken to Maysville, Ind., and laid away to rest in the cemetery of that place. Mr. Cope was well known in DeKalb and Allen counties, and was highly respected by every one. He gave full evidence of his acceptance with the Lord, and of his preparation for death. During his last illness he was only waiting from hour to hour for the time when the Lord might take him unto Himself and when he might join those of his family and friends who had gone before. May the Lord kindly lead and comfort the sons and daughters who mourn the death of a pious and devoted father.

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William Arthur, son of Charles and Agnes Thieson, residing on Wells street, died January 15. He was aged 4 years, 10 months and 26 days. Arthur was a very bright and promising child, and his death was a very sore bereavement to his parents and family. He left to mourn his loss, his father and mother, two brothers and three sisters. The funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon, January 17th,

at the home. This family has now three little ones who have gone to the home beyond. Our prayer is that the whole family may soon be gathered into the kingdom here so that some day they may all meet again in that home where sorrow and death will never come.

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John Felix Racine died at the home of his sister, Mrs. C. Hostman, 86 West Jefferson street, February 7th, aged 43 years, 8 months and 7 days. He was born in Allen county and remained a resident of the same during his life. He was a quiet industrious and peaceable citizen with a large circle of acquaintances and friends. His parents, four brothers and two sisters had preceded him to eternity. Three brothers and two sisters remain to mourn his death. The funeral services were held Sabbath afternoon, February 10th, and the interment was in the cemetery some five miles north of the city in the locality where Mr. Racine was born and reared.

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John E, son of Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Monn, departed this life Tuesday morning, March 17th. He was aged 18 years, 7 months and 12 days. Death came to our young brother and to the family without a moment of warning. A few evenings before he left home cheerful, happy and full of hope and life, when two mornings later the Lord came and claimed him as His own. While assisting a neighbor in felling some trees, he was caught by a limb of a falling tree and instantly killed. The accident occurred some four miles away from his home and as soon as possible a messenger was sent to bear the sad and distressing tidings to the family. After the body had been tenderly cared for it was brought to the home to the grief stricken father and mother and family. Death came to this home all unexpected, without a moment of warning, and we were

not surprised to find the father and mother, brothers and sisters almost heart-broken with sorrow. Of all bereavements those sent upon us by such unexpected deaths, are the most shocking and afflicting, and only those who have had the experience can know what these things are. John was a very kind and obedient son and an affectionate brother. He was dedicated when a child to the Lord in baptism, and received into full membership with the Grace Church five years ago. The funeral services were held from the Church Friday afternoon, March 22nd. After the service the body was laid away to sleep in "Lindenwood" until the resurrection morning, when the Lord shall come to raise His own to life and immortality. The bereaved father and mother, two brothers and three sisters, have the sympathy and prayers of the Church, and their friends and neighbors in their sorrow and bereavement. May the Father of infinite love and comfort console their hearts, and shelter them in their day of affliction. The Lord Jesus says: "Be of good cheer. It is I, be not afraid."

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Enoch Garman and Samuel Fredrick, neighbors and old pioneer settlers of Allen county, residing twelve miles north of the city, departed this life, the former March 27 and the latter March 30.

Mr. Garman was born in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, Jan 28, 1824. Was aged 71 years, 1 month and 20 days. He came to Seneca county, Ohio, in 1833, and Allen county, Indiana, in 1849, purchasing and locating on the farm where he afterwards lived and died. He was married to Mary Warner in 1850. This union was blessed with nine sons and two daughters. The wife and ten children survive to mourn his death. Mr. Garman was baptized in infancy and became a full communicant, member of the church at the age of 16. The funeral services were conducted by the pastor at the Salem Reformed Church,

Saturday morning, March 30. He was a great sufferer for the past year, having been afflicted with cancer of the stomach, but was always patient and hopeful. He was quiet and unassuming in his life but an ardent and devoted child of the Lord. He knew of his approaching death and had made full preparation for it. It is a source of great comfort to the family to know that he was so well prepared for the coming of the Lord. He selected for the text for the funeral service 2d Tim. 4: 6 7, 8, Scripture words very appropriate for his life and his hope.

Mr. Fredrick was born January 20, 1822, in Burkes county, Pennsylvania. He was aged 73 years, 2 months and 10 days. He came from Pennsylvania to Ohio in 1844 and later removed to Allen county, Indiana, locating on the farm where he lived during the remainder of his life. In 1848 he was united in marriage to Lucy Garman, sister of Enoch Garman. This union was blessed with thirteen children. His wife, five sons and five daughters live to mourn his death. He was baptized in infancy and reared in the fear and nurture of the Lord, and at the age of fifteen became a communicant member of the Church. For several years past Mr. Fredrick has been in failing health, though it was hoped for a long time by the family that he might regain his health, and it was not until a few months ago that it was ascertained that he was suffering from Brights disease and could not recover. He was very patient in all his sickness and fully resigned to the will of the Lord. His great comfort was found in the hope which he had in the Lord Jesus and the life to come.

The funeral services were conducted on Tuesday morning, April 2nd at the Salem Reformed Church. The funeral services of Mr. Garman and Mr. Fredrick were both attended by a large number of friends and neighbors, and in the death of these men the community loses two of its most highly respected citizens, and men who were pioneers in planting and establishing the church in their locality. Our prayer is that the Lord may comfort these families in their sorrow and raise up other men who may take their places in the church and community.

Sabbath School.

Jany. 6.	Attendance	101.	Collection	\$ 4.70
Jany. 13.	"	49.	"	2 27
Jany. 20.	"	116.	"	4.54
Jany. 27.	"	81.	"	2.78

Total - 347 - - \$14.29

Feb. 3.	Attendance	116	Collection	\$ 4.42
Feb. 10.	"	52.	"	1.96
Feb. 17.	"	108.	"	3.36
Feb. 24.	"	123.	"	4.97

Total - 389 - - \$14 61

Mar. 3.	Attendance	129.	Collection	\$ 6 37
Mar. 10.	"	137.	"	4 76
Mar. 17.	"	140.	"	6.40
Mar. 24.	"	153	"	6.60
Mar. 31.	"	142.	"	7.22

Total - 701. - - \$31.39

THE Sabbath School rooms have put on a quite different appearance, since the frescoing and recarpeting and with the new fixtures.

GOSPEL MEETINGS.

Beginning with Monday evening, April 22, we will hold special evangelistic services, continuing for several weeks. These meetings will be under the leadership of Rev. W. A. Bodet, who has for the past two years been in the regular evangelistic work, and has been greatly blessed wherever he has labored. His work has been confined to cities in Indiana and Illinois. He comes to us highly recommended, and we shall pray and work for great results in these meetings. Much will depend upon the manner in which the Church will take hold of this work, and the amount of time we shall be willing to devote. Every member of the Church should arrange to be at the meetings, afternoons and evenings, and bring all the unconverted people with them that they possibly can. The meetings will be followed by our spring communion service, either on the first or second Sunday in May, when an opportunity will given for applicants to be received into the Church.

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Weekly Prayer Meeting Sabbath Evening at 6:45.

PRAYER MEETING TOPICS AND LEADERS.

April 21. On guard—over what? How?
Neh. 4: 6-23. Rev. J. H. Albright.

April 28. Communion with Christ. John
14: 18-23. (A meeting for prayer alone.)
Josie Zartman.

May 5. The lessons of Gethsemane: Mark
14: 32-52. Lizzie Rudisil.

May 12. How can we Endeavorers help
our Church? 1 Cor. 12: 1-27. Eugene
Mathis.

May 19. The story of Pilate and its
warnings. Matt. 27: 11-26. Alice Connett.

THE Y. P. S. C. E. social, on Easter
Monday evening, was well attended, and
every person had a pleasant time. The en-
tertainment was very good.

THE Young People's Society have taken
the matter in hand of securing the services
of W. A. Bodel for our gospel meetings.
This is a very commendable move for our
young people.

A SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR
was recently organized in the Salem Re-
formed Church, north of the city. The
outlook of this society is very promising.

THE District Convention of the Young
People's Society of Christian Endeavor will
be held in the Westminster Presbyterian
Church, May 8th and 9th. Our Society
should have a large representation at these
meetings.

MRS. MARY FRENCH, who has been very
ill with pleuro-pneumonia, is convalescing
very rapidly. It is hoped she may soon
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